

Application No.: 09/736,021

Reply to Office Action dated: February 25, 2004

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

Applicants submit herewith a Terminal disclaimer thereby obviating the non-statutory double patenting rejection over Claims 40-65 of commonly assigned 09/147,813. Applicants note that the name of the assignee changed in copending application 09/147,813 from Saint Gobain to Saint-Gobain Vitrage. Copies of the pertinent papers as filed in Serial No. 09/147,813, are attached herewith. In addition, Applicants note that the present application and Serial No. 09/147,813 were commonly owned, at the time the invention of the present application was made.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge that the references cited in the **International Search Report**, filed in the above-identified application on **December 19, 2000**, have been considered. For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants had previously filed a Form 1449, a copy of which is attached herewith.

The MPEP states as follows:

“The examiner will consider the documents cited in the international search report in a PCT national stage application when the Form PCT/DO/EO/903 indicates that both the international search report and the copies of the documents are present in the national stage file. In such a case, the examiner should consider the documents from the international search report and indicate by a statement in the first Office action that the information has been considered.”

MPEP §609

The Office has acknowledged receipt of the **International Search Report** and the copies of the cited references on **Form PCT/DO/EO/903**. The respective copies of the International Research Report and the Form PCT/DO/EO/903 are attached herewith. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Office to acknowledge consideration of the above references.

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Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance and early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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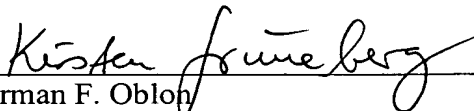
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